



ARIZONA CENTENNIAL

Centennial Way Dedication

Remarks by Gov. Jan Brewer
Saturday, February 11, 2012 – 12 p.m.
Carnegie Library Park

Thank you, Bud!

Nine months ago, I was honored to be a part of the Centennial Way groundbreaking -- one of the Arizona Centennial Commission's signature projects.

And, today, we're here to dedicate that completed Centennial Way.

From this day forward, Centennial Way will greet hundreds of thousands of visitors to Wesley Bolin Plaza -- the Capitol Museum and other historic monuments and landmarks throughout the Capitol Mall -- all part of the unique Arizona experience.

This great project certainly transformed Washington Street and the Arizona Capitol Mall entrance into a beautiful streetscape that will also host our Centennial Celebrations -- and other celebrations -- for many years to come!

Centennial Way is more than just a street improvement project.

It's a legacy that Arizonans can be proud of.

It will serve as a destination point where people can visit and learn about the great state of Arizona and enjoy things such as ...

-- Displays featuring Arizona's 15 counties;

-- A "Tribal walk" reflecting Arizona's 22 American Indian tribes;

-- And, a variety of shade systems -- each with its own theme -- Arts and Culture -- History -- Industry -- Military -- Nature -- Recreation -- Scenery -- and a timeline of Arizona from 1912 to 2012.

As Governor and Co-Chair of the Arizona Centennial Commission, I'm especially proud of this cooperative effort that included many stakeholders ...

- The Arizona Centennial Commission;**
- The Arizona Department of Administration;**
- The Arizona Department of Transportation;**
- The City of Phoenix;**
- Phoenix Community Alliance**
- The Capitol Mall Association;**
- Downtown Phoenix Partnership;**
- Arizona Historical Advisory Commission;**
- State Historic Preservation Office;**
- County Supervisors Association;**
- Inter Tribal Council of Arizona;**
- Phoenix's Central Village Planning Committee;**
- The Industrial Commission of Arizona**
- And, of course area residents.**

Thank you all for working together to make Centennial Way a reality.

The result, as you all can see, is a well-deserved -- and long overdue -- sense of place for our government -- especially fitting for Arizona's 100 years of statehood.

So, again, thank you for your efforts and for being here to dedicate our historic Centennial Way.